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Rev. Amas A. Phelps
East Boston
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I am not a member of the Tabernacle Church; but would like to have you there, and cannot say what I might do hereafter. Perhaps you know something of Mr. Andrew's preaching.

He is called a "popular preacher"; but I have never regarded him as a man of much mind; he skims over the surface of things and compiles a very pretty discourse, and some think his manner is fine; but it never appears so to me. When you come, if you come, you will please to call at my office 214 Hulton St near Greenwich, if you have no particular place to stop at while here.

Yours in Gospel Bond,
Lyman W. Gilbert
214 Hulton St

to say that they will give you \$10 for the two sermons, and if you preach three times, \$15. i.e. \$5 for each sermon. I should like to have you come, even if you have no other business. I cannot say what it would result in; but I anticipate that a way would be thus opened for your coming to this city; and just the way, and to the very place most desirable.

When I first mentioned your name to the Comt, I thought that David Hale Esq. would be likely to put out his Colonization horns & say no; but I am informed that he says your aboⁿ character would be no objection with him; and he has, I believe, a high opinion of you otherwise, so that no objection would come from that source.

If you should come, I will see that notice is given in some of the papers that you will preach, say morning & evening — I shall be glad to hear from you immediately, and should you agree to the heat, I hope you will not let any ordinary hindrance prevent; but if anything should occur to prevent your coming, you will please to give timely notice.

Lyman W. Gilbert
New York Sept 5/44.

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Dear Bro' Phelps, New York Sept 5/44

You are perhaps aware, that the Rev. Mr. Andrews has left the "Broad Way Tabernacle Church" and has accepted a call to Dr. Snodgrass' church in Troy. The Tabernacle is now without a Minister, and there are sundry of your friends who would be very glad to see you located there. Since Mr. Andrews left, they have had several Ministers, for a Sabbath at a time; but no one seems to be the man; for the most part, I believe, they have been young men. The Committee of the Church feel some delicacy about asking a Minister to come and preach as a candidate; but several of them, who have heard your preach, and know yr character & standing, are anxious that you should be heard by the church & congregation, without any formal invitation to have you come on for that purpose.

I have been requested to write to you to see, if you cannot make it convenient to be here on the 4th Sabbath of this month, & preach at least twice, say morning & evening, and perhaps three times. They authorise me